

WALKER ON LABOR'S STORES— ATTACKS BUTLER BROS.

John H. Walker, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, writes interestingly of the co-operative store association founded by the union, mostly mine workers, of Schram City, Ill.

In the four months this store has been in operation the stock has increased from \$300 to \$2,000. This increase was made, not by new members buying stock, but is what the band of workers saved during that time.

Whatever money is made is to be invested for the social and educational good of the workers and in other co-operative enterprises for their economic advantage.

"They have started a coal yard for the benefit of the people in that community," says Walker, "and although the coal companies, the railway companies and the local business interests are fighting them viciously it bids fair to be a success and an advantage to the working people of that community.

"Butler Bros.' Wholesale and Supply Co. of St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City are the most infamously unfair concerns of that kind, in this state, Minnesota, Kansas and Missouri," Walker says. "They absolutely refused to sell the Schram City Co-Operative Society anything, even for cash in advance, returning the check of that little society that had been sent in with an order, stating that they would not sell to any co-operative concern. This same labor-crushing corporation after having been requested by the Women's Trade Union League not to patronize the United States Broom and Brush Co., where a strike is on, and who are trying to establish conditions that are worse for the women, girls and men workers in that institution, even that exist in China, have placed a large order for those scab brooms, expecting to sell them to the trades unionists and their families in

Illinois, Minnesota Kansas and Missouri.

"See to it that no brooms are bought or anything else except that has the label on. Take it up with the local merchants everywhere and insist that they not buy any supplies from the Butler Bros.' Wholesale Co. that refuses to sell supplies to the workers' co-operative associations. Teach this scab-loving, labor-hating corporation a lesson. Don't buy anything in any store that patronizes these enemies of the labor movement."

MAN REFUSES TO FIGHT DUEL— GIRL SHOTS HIM.

After refusing to fight a duel with the girl who says he should marry her, Melvin E. Damm, 4843 W. Van Buren st., was shot through the jaw bone by Elizabeth Carey, 17, 4101 Langley av.

All evening the youthful pair quarreled and when the boy refused to marry her the girl demanded that he fight her with a pistol. Damm at first consented and sent for a weapon, but later attempted to beat a hasty retreat from the girl's home.

With the revolver in her hand, Miss Carey followed him and cried: "Will you marry me?"

"No," Damm said, as he started to run.

"Then take this!" said Miss Carey and she broke his jaw with a shot.

She is under arrest for the assault. Her mother has preferred serious charges against Damm in the Court of Domestic Relations.

ATTORNEY SUICIDES

W. R. Peters, an attorney from Mokenca, Ill., committed suicide in his room at the Grace Hotel this morning by slashing his throat with a razor just as his wife came to town to see him.

He had been registered at the hotel for three days. His wife said she could give no reason for his act. She is 50; he was 35.